(b) whether the Government are aware that major demands of the public is to complete the incomplete or pending works like Chopals, Mahila Mandal Buildings, Hostel and School Buildings, Panchayat Ghar, drinking water supply schemes, public conveniences etc. which are lying incomplete for several years on account of paucity of funds with the local bodies and the State Governments and whether Government would like to include the completion as one of the purposes for the use of the funds;

(c) whether repairs of public places as mentioned above which require urgent repairs will also be included in the purposes of the fund, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether unspent funds of past financial year could be utilised during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) The guidelines for MPLADS have recently been revised in consultation with the Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha and leaders of Opposition parties. Completion of incomplete works and normal repairs are not permitted to be taken up under the guidelines.

(d) Funds which have been released to the Collectors under the scheme are non-lapsable.

Job creation

989. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has made any estimate for creating jobs during Eighth and Ninth Plans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in this regard; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANGO): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has estimated that employment is expected to grow at the rate of 2.6% to 2.8% per annum during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans, i.e. during 1992-2002, corresponding to an average annual growth rate of economy 5.6%. In other words, additional employment opportunities of the order of 8.5 million per year, on an average, during the Eighth Plan period and 9.5 million per year, on an average, during the Ninth Plan period are expected to be generated.

(c) During the first three years of the Eighth Plan period, additional employment opportunities of the order of 19.6 million, or 6.5 million per year, are estimated to have been generated, corresponding to an average annual rate of growth of economy of 4.6%.

(d) Statewise break up of these estimates have not been made.

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*WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED & UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 16TH MARCH, 1995

New drug policy on Siddha and Ayurveda system of medicine

*61. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Drug Policy of Government is aimed at improving Siddha and Ayurveda systems of medicine;

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*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Thursday, the 16th March, 1995 was adjourned on account of Holi. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Monday, the 20th March, 1995.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to promote these systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) In the new drug policy the Government have announced that the various aspects relating to promotion of Ayurveda, Siddha and other traditional systems of medicine in the country would be adequately pursued and the machinery to carry out the task of promotion would be adequately strengthened. A new Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy has been created to provide a better focus to this important work and to lay down policy guidelines and ensure implementation in the development and promotion of these systems in the Country. Several programmes are planned for the promotion and development of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy:—

(i) Strengthening of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy educational institutions; this includes setting up of National Institutes for Siddha and Unani. The already existing National Institutes of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy would also be strengthened. Assistance is given for upgradation of facilities in educating institutions of ISM&H.

(ii) Revitalisation of research in Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy by strengthening of research institutions and training of ISM&H physicians in research methodology.

(iii) (a) Standardisation of ISM&H drugs and strengthening up of drug control in ISM.

(b) Setting up of laboratory facilities for the testing of ISM&H drugs.

(c) Strengthening of Pharmacopoeial work in ISM&H.

(d) Promotion of Yoga and Naturopathy — research, training and institutional development.

(iv) Development of medicinal plants.

(v) Setting up of specialised ISM&H treatment centres.

(vi) Integration of ISM&H alongwith training of ISM&H staff in the National Health Programmes.

Bomb blasts on Republic Day in Jammu

*62. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons killed and the number of persons injured in the bomb blasts on the Republic Day 1995 in Jammu;

(b) the details of the incident, together with the relief provided to those killed and injured; and

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this regard and whether it is a fact that the local officers have direct/indirect hand in the incident and whether the responsibility in the security lapse has been fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) 8 persons were killed and 54 injured.